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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION WITH
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2006**

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action of September 29, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.